

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) An indoor unit (2) of an air conditioner (1), comprising:  
a casing (60) provided with an opening (27) at the a front thereof;  
a movable panel (72) provided so as to cover the opening (27) and configured to open the opening (27) by moving away from the opening (27) and to close the opening (27) by moving close to the opening (27);

a drive portion (41) configured to generate a driving force to move the movable panel (72); and

an opening and closing member (68) including: a driving force transmission portion (680) for transmitting the driving force of the drive portion (41) to the movable panel (72);  
and a plate member (681) provided outside the driving force transmission portion (680) and configured to cover a gap between the movable panel (72) and the casing (60) in a state in which the movable panel (72) is open.

2. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) of the air conditioner (1) according to claim 1, wherein

the opening and closing member (68) supports the movable panel (72) and moves the movable panel (72) away from the opening (27) by protruding forward from the casing (60).

3. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) of the air conditioner (1) according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

the plate member (681) ~~also serves as a supporting member that~~ supports the movable panel (72) and moves the movable panel (72) away from the opening (27) by protruding forward from the casing (60).

4. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) of the air conditioner (1) according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 3, wherein

the driving force transmission portion (680) and the plate member (681) are integrally provided.

5. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) of the air conditioner (1) according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 4, wherein

the driving force transmission portion (680) and the plate member (681) are integrally molded.

6. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (2) of the air conditioner (1) according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 5, wherein

the opening and closing member (68) is provided adjacent to ~~each~~ an inner surface of ~~both at each~~ sides of the casing (60).

7. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 2, wherein the plate member supports the movable panel and moves the movable panel away from the opening by protruding forward from the casing.

8. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 2, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally provided.
9. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 2, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally molded.
10. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 2, wherein the opening and closing member is provided adjacent to an inner surface at each side of the casing.
11. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 3, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally provided.
12. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 3, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally molded.
13. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 3, wherein the opening and closing member is provided adjacent to an inner surface at each side of the casing.
14. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 4, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally molded.

15. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 4, wherein the opening and closing member is provided adjacent to an inner surface at each side of the casing.

16. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 5, wherein the opening and closing member is provided adjacent to an inner surface at each side of the casing.

17. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 7, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally provided.

18. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 7, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally molded.

19. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 7, wherein the opening and closing member is provided adjacent to an inner surface at each side of the casing.

20. (New) The indoor unit of the air conditioner according to claim 8, wherein the driving force transmission portion and the plate member are integrally molded.